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If you have any difficulty accessing the webcam, please contact the parish office on 028 7126 3152 or email stmaryscreggan@derrydiocese.org.

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Parish of St. Mary CREGGAN



SUNDAY MASS

Vigil (Saturday)

6.30 pm
10.30 am
12.15 pm

Polish Mass

4.00 pm (every 2nd & 4th Sunday)

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday - Friday 5.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Saturday - 10.30 am
5.30 pm - 6.20 pm

HOLY DAY MASS

as announced

WEEK DAY MASS

Monday-Saturday 10.00 am
Tuesday & Friday 7.30 pm

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
(in the Divine Mercy Chapel)

Sunday 1.30 pm - 6 pm
Monday 10.30 am - 7 pm
Tue - Sat 10.30 am - 12 pm

Fr. Daniel McFaul PP

Fr. Ignacy Saniuta CC

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1st June 2025

The Ascension of the Lord



The saying *nothing good lasts forever* might be a good way to start reflecting on the Feast of the Ascension and the gospel for today. With his Ascension, the earthly mission of Jesus comes to an end; he has through his life, death and resurrection accomplished the plan and will of God.

We can imagine the sadness of Jesus' friends as he prepares to leave them. However, there is another side to his departure. As this part of Jesus' life ends, he now passes his mission onto his friends and followers. While Jesus' earthly ministry ends, theirs is just beginning. Jesus says to his followers; *'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.'* As Jesus leaves

them, he also at the same time passes on the huge responsibility of carrying on the work of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. And this is what they did; *'after Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven... while they going out preached everywhere, the Lord working with them.'*

First Holy Communion: The P4 children from St John's PS will receive their First Holy Communion on **Friday 6th June** at 12.30 pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

Prayer for Vocations: Jesus sends His disciples as His witnesses to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. We pray for those who will be ordained as priests to witness to the loving and merciful presence of Jesus in our diocese.

The Padre Pio Prayer Goup, Holy Family Chapel, Ballymagrorty will take place on **Tuesday 3rd June 2025**. Starting with Rosary at 6.45pm before Mass, celebration of holy mass at 7.15pm, then the priest will bless everyone with a first class relic of St. Pio, while closing prayers are recited.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage 2025 to Knock Shrine, led by Bishop McKeown, will take place on Sunday 15 June, *Places still available*. For further information on this, please contact Karen on 028 71262 894 or by email on cathedral@derrydiocese.org

Trocaire: The annual collection during lent was £5623. On behalf of Trocaire, thank you for your great generosity.

The Annual Service of Intercession for the Dead will take place in the City Cemetery on **Sunday, 22 June 2025 at 3.00 pm**

IS GAMBLING AFFECTING YOUR LIFE? Perhaps we can help. Tel: 028 7135 1329.



Recent Baptisms: *We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism*
Ruadh Séan Hutchman



Last Week's Collection £1587 Parish Development £551

Standing Orders £122 Thank you for your continued support and generosity

The Priest Collection will be taken up at all Masses this week-end

Irish Bishops call for prayer and fasting for Gaza

"We call on all Catholics to make 6 June, a day of prayer and fasting for Gaza"
– Irish Bishops

Irish Bishops offered prayers for peace in the Holy Land, for Ukraine, Sudan and in other troubled parts of the world at their Standing Committee meeting in Maynooth on 26 May. In particular, bishops discussed the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, stating:

"From all over Ireland, parishioners are reporting their horror and helplessness on seeing images of death and communal destruction in Gaza. Exhausted mothers can no longer nourish their young, children are dying of malnutrition, while aid lorries full of supplies are being refused entry into the territory, or are not safely arriving at their destination.

"We in Ireland must pray for a change of heart. Throughout the month of June – the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – we call on everyone to pray for an outpouring of the compassion of God on a heartless world.

"To see the relentless bombardment of civilian areas, the deliberate withholding of food from the starving, as well as the callous holding of hostages, it appears that humanity has lost its heart. In the face of these horrors, we invite everyone to turn to the heart of Jesus throughout the month of June by praying for the renewal of heart that our world so desperately needs. In particular, we call on all Catholics to make 6 June, a day of prayer and fasting in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who are suffering at this time in the Holy Land.

"We echo Pope Leo XIV's recent appeal to allow into Gaza 'the entry of dignified humanitarian aid and to put an end to the hostilities, whose heart-breaking price is paid by the children, elderly, and the sick.'"

St Columba's Church, Long Tower: Celebrating the Jubilee Year, 2025 as 'Pilgrims of Hope': **Sunday - 8th June - Pentecost Sunday:** All-Night Vigil of Adoration beginning after 12 Noon Mass, Sunday 8th until Monday 9th before 7am Mass

Monday 9th June: 7.00am: Mass at the Hawthorn Tree (beside Fr Lynch's Grave at the Grotto), concluding All-Night Adoration. **7.30pm:** Mass of St Columba celebrated by Bishop Philip Boyce, retired Bishop of Raphoe, followed by procession to St Columba's Well, led by St Colmcille's Pipe Band. Refreshments and Traditional Music Session in Lower Long Tower Primary School Hall with Parish Draw.